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## Muslims share faith



photo by Cpl. Joe Lindsay

**Iwakuni service members of Islamic faith, Seaman Brian Leggin (left) and Cpl. Nauman Chaudary, pray alongside each other at the Marine Memorial Chapel.**

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## Family members eligible for SGLI

by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers  
Torii Teller Staff

Family members of active duty and reserve service members will be eligible for coverage under the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance starting Nov. 1.

Spouses can be insured for up to \$100,000, and children are insured for \$10,000.

Family members will be automatically enrolled for the maximum amount of coverage, according to Gunnery Sgt. Steven Ellis, Installation Personnel Administration Center pay and maintenance staff noncommissioned officer in charge.

The premiums for spouses are based upon the age of the spouse and amount of coverage. Children under the age of 18, children who have been

declared legally incompetent before turning 18, or children ages 18-23 who are enrolled as full-time students are automatically insured without a premium.

"The military is making a sound move to ensure the well-being of service members," said Sgt. James Domorod, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron barracks manager. "Most service members don't plan for the unexpected. Most families view the service member as the one who might not come home at night and don't plan for the spouse or children to succumb to a horrible tragedy. I think this action helps some families who would also like to plan but may be in a financial situation which makes it unreasonable."

To opt out of coverage, or to reduce the amount of coverage provided by SGLI, forms are available at the IPAC pay and maintenance office,

Room 36, in Building 360, said Ellis. Forms must be turned in before Oct. 31.

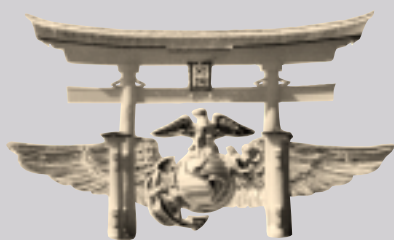
Service members who are married to another service member are eligible for coverage as a spouse in addition to their own coverage. Each spouse can be insured up to the limits of their coverage and their spouse's coverage, currently \$350,000 total. Spouses already covered by Veteran's Group Life Insurance are eligible for SGLI coverage in addition to VGLI coverage.

Family members are not eligible for VGLI once the service member retires, and the Office of Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance does provide a list of insurers who will convert SGLI accounts within 120 days of separation. Children's accounts cannot be converted.

For more information call IPAC at 253-2323, or visit [www.insurance.va.gov](http://www.insurance.va.gov).



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# Ladies: stop crying about lipstick

by Sgt. Jamie Johnson

Letter to the Editor

I happened to come across the *Torii Teller* recently to see who was complaining now and what the weekly gripe was going to be, only to find members of my own sex whining.

Now don't get me wrong, I am all for fighting injustice. Don't let me hear of any sexual harassment case or of some chauvinistic swine degrading a woman, and expect me to keep my mouth shut. However, as I sat with my coworkers the other day, I was ashamed. Ashamed that female Marines have nothing better to do than cry about not being able to wear lipstick in a field uniform.

Come on people, if you feel that not wearing lipstick is going to take away your femininity then you have more problems than you are admitting to, and I'm not sure I want you in my Marine Corps. Who is it you're trying to impress? Think about it, if that one guy is going to stop paying you attention just because you stopped wearing lipstick, then is he really worth your time?

Sergeant Hillary White, if it is so much your beloved Marine Corps then you wouldn't let

anyone slowly push you out of it.

Lance Cpl. Jennifer Gagnon, if a female is going to leave the Marine Corps because of something this minor then she wasn't going to make a career of it anyway and the Corps hasn't lost much.

And 1st Lt. Patricia Blocker, excuse me for saying so, I was under the assumption we were not permitted to make decisions for ourselves. If we were, then I would be drinking wine in my barracks room instead of beer, and most people would wear what type of clothes they want instead of conforming to someone else's standards, which goes against us having the choice of how we want to present ourselves.

If we had the choice most men would have longer hair and goatees. I always thought not having choices was what the military is all about. And yes, ma'am, I will take some time and e-mail the uniform board, but I will tell them I think it's a great idea to get rid of the lipstick.

I agree with Master Sgt. Constance Dillard 100 percent. I also wish all you women who can't go "au natural," good luck when your enlistment or commission is up and you are no longer in my beloved Corps. This is, of course, my opinion.



photo by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

## Ribbon of remembrance

*Alexander and Angelic Arrieta, Latinos Unidos representatives, hang up a handmade ribbon at the Cherry Blossom Triangle near the Commissary in remembrance of all the people who lost their lives in the recent terrorist attacks in the United States. They hope their gesture will motivate everyone to add to the memorial. Latinos Unidos also raised \$1,000 to help the Red Cross and other services.*



# Uniform Board modifies lipstick order

## *Red-shaded lipstick now authorized for female Marines in utility uniforms*

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay  
Torii Teller Staff

A special Marine Corps Uniform Board convened recently to address the issue of the Marine Corps Order 1020.34F prohibiting the wearing of lipstick with utility uniforms.

As a result of the special meeting, the board has modified the order to authorize the wearing of red-shaded lipstick with all uniforms. The change is effective immediately.

The original change prohibiting the

wearing of any lipstick with the utility uniform was met by an uproar from many female Marines. Others took the order with more of a "grain of salt" attitude.

"Some female Marines have been taking this lipstick thing way too far," said Lance Cpl. Ava Yuen, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron unit diary clerk. "The important thing is to present yourself in a professional manner with or without lipstick. Being able to wear or not wear lipstick is nothing to cry over. If it's authorized, I'll wear it. If it's not authorized I

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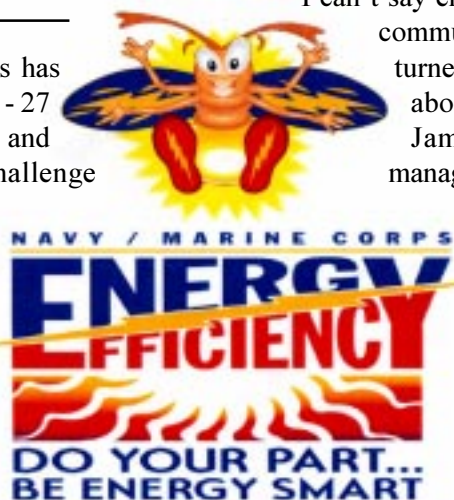
**Gunnery Sgt. Bridgette Cole, Marine Aircraft Logistic Squadron 12 AISD chief, applies lipstick shortly after the ban was lifted by the Uniform Board.**

## *Energy conservation awareness*

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay  
Torii Teller Staff

Headquarters Marine Corps has designated the week of Oct. 22 - 27 as Energy Conservation Week, and the Station is meeting the challenge head-on.

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni has scheduled a plethora of events to mark the week, showing why it was named the top small shore installation in the military when it comes to energy conservation.



The theme of this year's week is "Do your part! Be energy smart!"

"I can't say enough good things about this community and the way they have turned around energy conservation aboard the Station," said Chief James Trocke, Station energy manager. "This week is just another opportunity for Iwakuni to shine, and to show the rest of the military how seriously we take energy conservation here."

For more information on Energy Conservation Awareness Week activities, call Trocke at 253-6148.

## Schedule of Events

**Oct. 22** - 10 kilometer race for ages 12 and above. Winners and the first 50 participants to complete the race will be awarded trophies and or prizes. Meet behind the Main Gym at 5:30 a.m. to register. Race starts at 6 a.m.

**9 a.m.** - Energy awareness school visit to M.C. Perry Elementary.

**12:30 p.m.** - Field trip to boiler and sewage plants to promote energy awareness.

**4 p.m.** - Essay contest and poster contest submission deadline. The essay theme is, "How and why should everyone on the planet conserve energy?" The poster theme is, "Do your part! Be energy smart!" Winners will be selected from the following categories: Ages 5-8, 9-12 and 13-18. Essays should be one double-spaced typed page. Posters will be no larger than 24"x 36" and no smaller than 8" x 10".

**Oct. 23** - Children's energy conservation commercial production.

**Oct. 26** - Super Energy Hero Contest. Costumes must have a cape, mask and an energy lightning bolt on the chest. Winners will be selected from the following categories: Ages 5-8, 9-12 and 13-18.

**1 p.m.** - Car Jam Contest. Department teams compete to see who can get the most people in a small sedan parked in the Triangle area. Each command is encouraged to have a team. Trophies will be awarded to the winning teams. The purpose of the event is to highlight the importance of car pooling.

**Oct. 27** - Bike Race. Meet in front of the Triangle area at 8 a.m. to register. Race starts at 9 a.m. All members that complete the race qualify for the grand prize drawing. Four new bikes will be given away. Afterwards enjoy barbecue, live music and awards ceremony.

## News Briefs

### Pet Microchips

Station Order 10570.1L now requires all Station residents with pets to have a microchip implanted. This will help track lost or missing animals. For more information, call the veterinary clinic at 253-3588, or read the full story in the next *Torii Teller*.

### Travel Advisory

Residents are advised not to visit downtown Iwakuni from 6:30-8 p.m. today. For more information, call the Provost Marshal's Office at 253-3303.

### Role Players

Family members are asked to participate in an NEO exercise Thursday and Friday. Call 253-5503.

### Fire Hydrant Flow Tests

The Station Fire Department will conduct fire hydrant flow tests from Monday to Oct. 30. Water may become rusty during this period. For more information call the Utilities Office at 253-3044.

### Bus Schedule

Due to the closure of the Southside chow hall Saturday and Sunday, Station Motor Transport will have two shuttle buses running during meal hours those days. A bus will stop at each bus stop every 15 minutes. For more information, call Station Motor Transport at 253-3036.

# 'Remember My Name'

by **Eli Brown**  
Victim Advocate

## **The Delaware Gazette**

— "Timothy Blackwell, a 47-year-old man, shot and killed Susana Blackwell, his 25-year-old bride, her seven-month-old fetus and her two women friends."

## **Newsletter of the Center for the Prevention of Domestic Violence-Seattle, Washington**

— "For three months, the 17-year-old high school student heard the 16-year-old's repeated promises to kill her. Instead of notifying police, her family said they had hoped the threats would go away."

## **The Dallas Morning News**

— "A woman whose estranged husband doused her and their two children with gas before turning his cigarette lighter on her died this morning."

## **Houston Chronicle**

— "Parents of Jessica St. Laurent, the teenager shot by her boyfriend who then turned the gun on himself, described their relationship as a classic case of domestic violence."

Unfortunately these stories are not that uncommon, and these newspaper excerpts just begin to scratch the surface. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and my goal is to encourage the Station community not to tolerate abuse in our homes.

Every 15 seconds, someone is beaten in America by his or her spouse. For as many as 4 million individuals, the battering is so severe, they require medical or police attention.

But for nearly 4,000 victims each year, the abuse ends. They die.

The Marine Corps isn't immune to the abuse. Two military spouses were murdered due to domestic violence in 1998 and 1999.

As the Victim Advocate aboard Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, I work with domestic violence on a daily basis. When I hear a victim say their spouse threatened their life, a chill goes down my spine. I know the threat is very real, and dangerous. You see, I know domestic violence can be deadly.

My sister worked with domes-

tic violence victims in San Diego several years ago, in a position similar to my own. Although she understood the violence, it never hit home for her until she worked with a young Hispanic woman.

The victim, her son, and her elderly mother were moved to a battered woman's shelter. The family was doing well and even received a restraining order against the spouse. It seemed that this was one victim that would escape the violence.

My sister moved on to the many other cases she had sitting on her desk, but what she didn't know was that the young women would take an unnecessary risk. With her son and her elderly mother, the woman went to her old home to pick up some extra items she had forgotten. She was sure

her husband would be at work, but he wasn't. He had hidden in the home for days waiting for her, hoping she would return. When she did, he killed her, their son, her mother, and then turned the gun on himself. "Triple murder, suicide" is what the San Diego Tribune read the next day. My sister quit her job. She didn't realize the very real danger involved with domestic violence, and how painful that danger would be when she did understand it.

I share all this with you to help you understand that domestic violence is not a "family issue." It is not an area you can ignore, or something that happens to "other" people. Domestic violence is dangerous, it is real, and it goes on in every community, every day.

What are we going to do about it? How are we as a community going to stop this violence before we lose one of our own?

The "Remember My Name" campaign is one organized by the National Coalition against Domestic Violence. Posters from this campaign will be hung in Crossroads Mall during the month of October. A poster for each year from 1995 to 2000 will contain the names of all the victims killed during that year by their partner.

Please take some time to look over the endless names and pay your respects. Once the reality has set in, come be part of the many activities organized for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, be active in reporting domestic violence, and educate others about what you have learned.



photo by Cpl. Trent Rundell

**Colonel Dave Darrah, Station commanding officer, shows his support for a zero tolerance policy on domestic violence. Marine Corps bases around the world are showing their support by signing proclamations denouncing violence in the home.**

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won't. It's really no big deal to me."

Others seemed fed up with the whole situation.

"I didn't join the Marines to be in a fashion show," said Lance Cpl. Sarah Fickisen, H&HS administrative clerk.

The lipstick issue has also drawn strong responses from male Marines.

"The utility uniform is a tactical uniform," said Sgt. James Domorod Jr., H&HS barracks manager. "You can't be tactical with red lipstick on, because it does not blend with the environment. It defeats the whole purpose of the uniform."

No matter what one's stance on the lipstick issue may be, all seemed to agree that other issues are more pressing.

"If this lipstick thing is all I have time to worry about, then I've got major problems," said

Fickisen. "I've got better ways to spend my time, like concentrating on mission accomplishment."

Staff Sgt. Anthony Pontarelli, Search and Rescue crew chief and rescue swimmer, agreed.

"This whole thing has been blown way out of proportion," he said. "As long as females don't wear it in combat, I don't really care. There are a lot bigger issues in the Corps than whether or not women should be allowed to wear lipstick in utilities."



# Marine photographer aids FBI in rescue efforts

by Lance Cpl. John R. Lawson, III  
Headquarters Marine Corps

On the now notorious date of Sept. 11, 2001, Sgt. Marshall Paull was in the wrong place at the wrong time, but then he put himself in the right place at the right time.

As the photographer for the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen. James L. Jones, Paull works on a side of the Pentagon adjacent to the side that terrorists attacked with a hijacked Boeing 757.

Paull was far enough away from the impact to be safe, but close enough to feel "as if somebody fired a Howitzer into the building." Even 10 days after the attack, the smell of burnt aviation fuel hangs in the office air. Once he had safely evacuated from the building, he took the initiative and put himself where he could be useful. In the immediate aftermath, he helped rescue workers pull survivors from the burning portion of the Pentagon. Next, he spent several days working hand-in-hand with the FBI as a volunteer crime scene photographer.

"I wanted to help whatever way I could," said the native of Maryville, Tenn.

Paull recalls watching TV news that fateful morning after terrorists crashed a hijacked plane into the first building of the World Trade Center. "My first impression was that I thought an aircraft was off course," he said.

Shortly thereafter, another hijacked plane crashed into the second building of the World Trade Center. The images on TV were unmistakable to Paull, who thought to himself, "This is no accident; this is a terrorist attack."

Paull went back to his office, and someone said, "At least it didn't hit the Pentagon." Almost on cue, there was a thunderous noise and alarms went off inside the building. "Immediately I knew what had happened," he said.

In the urgency of the evacuation, Paull left behind his wallet and many other belongings. Fortuitously, he instinctively grabbed his camera as he exited the office.

After getting outside the building, he headed directly to the crash site, where he helped rescue workers carry out survivors. Twice during the rescue efforts, Paull and those working with him were ordered to take cover because of concerns that another hijacked plane might attack the Pentagon.

The rescue work continued, but soon firefighters delivered the grim news that there was no one left to save.

During his time at Marine Corps Air Station Yuma, Ariz., Paull had the unfortunate duty of photographing a few aviation accidents. When he saw FBI agents arriving at the Pentagon, he told them of his experience and said he would be willing to help.

They took him up on his offer, and soon put him in a helicopter to take overhead pictures of the damage to the Pentagon.

On the Wednesday and Friday following the attack, Paull assisted FBI agents by actually entering the devastated segment of the Pentagon to search for bodies. It was Paull's task to take photographs.

Wearing rubber boots, a protective suit, a respirator filter, goggles, and a hard hat, he went into what can only be described as an apocalyptic scene.

It was hot, some fires were still burning, and at times the rubble was waist-high. The sights were grim - "unlike anything I've ever seen," he said.

"It was bad," he continued, saying it would be inappropriate to go into detail. "These guys didn't have a chance."

In addition to being "horrific and overwhelming," there was almost a surreal quality about the devastation because it was often possible to see what routine tasks the victims were doing



Official Marine Corps Photo

**Sergeant Marshall Paull, Headquarters Marine Corps combat photographer, aided the FBI in recovering bodies while taking photos for their investigation.**

when their lives suddenly ended.

In 90 minutes, Paull and his team members recovered six bodies. "I had seen enough that day," he said.

Friday was no less chilling, as Paull and his fellow team members recovered six bodies in an hour.

Reflecting on what the terrorists did, Paull said, "I want to get in battle with these people."

Replays on the news only add to his desire to administer some justice. "Every time I see these atrocities it makes me very angry, and I want to fight."

## School Night

Matthew C. Perry kindergarten teacher Jessica Buckley gives some pointers to one of her students, Matthew Tumlinson, 5, during open house school night. Matthew's father, Sgt. Jimmy Tumlinson, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron administrative chief, and mother, Andrea, look on.



photo by Cpl. Joe Lindsay



# What is a N

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson  
Torii Teller Staff

On Nov. 4, 1979, militant Iranian students seized the United States Embassy in Tehran, taking 66 American employees hostage. On Jan. 20, 1981, the last of the hostages were finally released after 444 days of captivity.

The important connection between these hostages and a noncombatants evacuation operation may not be immediately clear. However, those individuals were taken hostage because they chose not to leave during a NEO.

Although the Iranian hostage crisis is an extreme example, it conveys the importance of NEO. Noncombatants Evacuation Operations are an orderly way to get people out of harm's way, as fast as possible. A NEO order is given due to natural disaster, civil unrest or military action.

"The military will not order a NEO. The order comes from the State Department," said Capt. Thomas Holley, Station NEO coordinator and assistant operations officer. "The State Department does not have the trains, planes, automobiles or personnel to execute the process. That is where we come into play."

If a NEO is ordered in Iwakuni, the best way for the community to get information is to monitor American Forces Network radio at 1575 AM and television channels 5, 10, 11, 12 and 13.

Although the final goal of a NEO is for noncombatants to reach a safe haven and then the United States if necessary, there are certain steps that need to be taken.

"There are three steps to the process," Holley said. "First off, you will be notified there is a NEO going on, and then asked to come to the assembly area."

For noncombatants leaving behind a vehicle, the best thing for them to do is leave it where it is, and take the bus to the processing area, according to Gunnery Sgt. Rose Cole, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron NEO coordinator. The Staff Judge Advocate's office can create powers of attorney for vehicles. Forms in the NEO package explain other options for handling vehicles left behind.

The usual assembly area is the Main Gym, Building 1010. However, other buildings may be used. The assembly area will be where the processing of noncombatants happens. This is the second step in the process. From the time they arrive, their only focus will be getting through all of the paperwork in

the NEO package in preparation to leave.

Because some families may have pets, the veterinarian is the first stop at the processing area, Holley noted.

"Initially, we will probably have a lot of people who need to get off the Station," Holley said. "We will make every effort to evacuate the pets, but they may or may not be on the same aircraft."

"Noncombatants also check to verify they are in the Installation Personnel Administration Center database, which is used to ensure they are manifested on a flight," Cole said. "The information in the manifest will show all of an individual's personal information."

The third part of the process is evacuation.

"Basically, all noncombatants will be processed and flown out," Holley noted.

"The bottom line is when your flight leaves, you want to be on it."

Noncombatants should have a passport, ID

card, birth certificate, naturalization certificate, green card and marriage certificate.

Flights will leave the Station and head for a safe haven, which is nothing more than an initial point where noncombatants go to be safe, such as Guam. They may remain there for several days waiting to return to Iwakuni, or move on to the United States.

The noncombatants will leave, but much of what they have will be left behind, according to Cole. The Station Traffic Management Operations office will pack up the remaining belongings. According to Cole, residents should videotape or photograph their belongings to ensure they have an accurate record of what they left behind.

Although a NEO may never occur, preparation now can save hours of work in an already stressful situation. For more information on the NEO process, contact your unit's NEO coordinator.



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## Proper forms get noncombatants out of

by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson  
Torii Teller Staff

In the event of a natural disaster or military action, it may be necessary for all non-essential personnel and dependents to evacuate the Station.

To help them get out of harm's way as fast as possible, it is essential they have a completed Noncombatants Evacuation Operation package.

"If you come to a NEO without a package, it will be at least 24 hours before you get out," said Gunnery Sgt. Rose Cole, Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron NEO coordinator. "The difference between leaving now, and leaving two days from now is having the paperwork completed."

Station residents should not wait until a NEO occurs to complete the package, Cole noted.

"They should prepare it as soon as they arrive and then forget about it," she said. "When they need it, it will be there."

The first step in the NEO process is to get the package from a designated NEO coordinator. Service members and civilians have coordinators they can contact to receive a package and explain any question that may arise.

"The first thing they need to do when they get their package is to read the U.S. Forces Japan pamphlet to find out what a NEO is and why it would be declared," Cole said.

The NEO package is important because it

answers all the questions anyone may have when a NEO occurs, such as what will happen to personal cars and family pets.

"It answered a lot of questions about pay matters, vehicles and they are staged," said Staff Sgt. Frazier, Provost Marshal's Office chief. "The NEO package was a life saver. Every piece of paperwork had an instruction on how to complete it."

In addition to the explanation, there are also NEO nights held each month aboard the Station. The briefings cover everything in the package that anyone may have questions about.

"The brief really cleared up a lot of questions," Frazier said. "We went step by step, and they have a NEO night we have updated."

At the NEO night, information is entered into the database and powers of attorney are completed, she added.

If someone misses a NEO night, they can get help from their unit coordinator.

"The second thing they need to do is fill out the NEO evacuation data sheet and get it into the Installation Personnel Administration Center as soon as possible," Cole noted.

According to Cole, the important thing is that one form will be loaded into the database maintained by IPAC.

The database has everything



### NEO coordinators

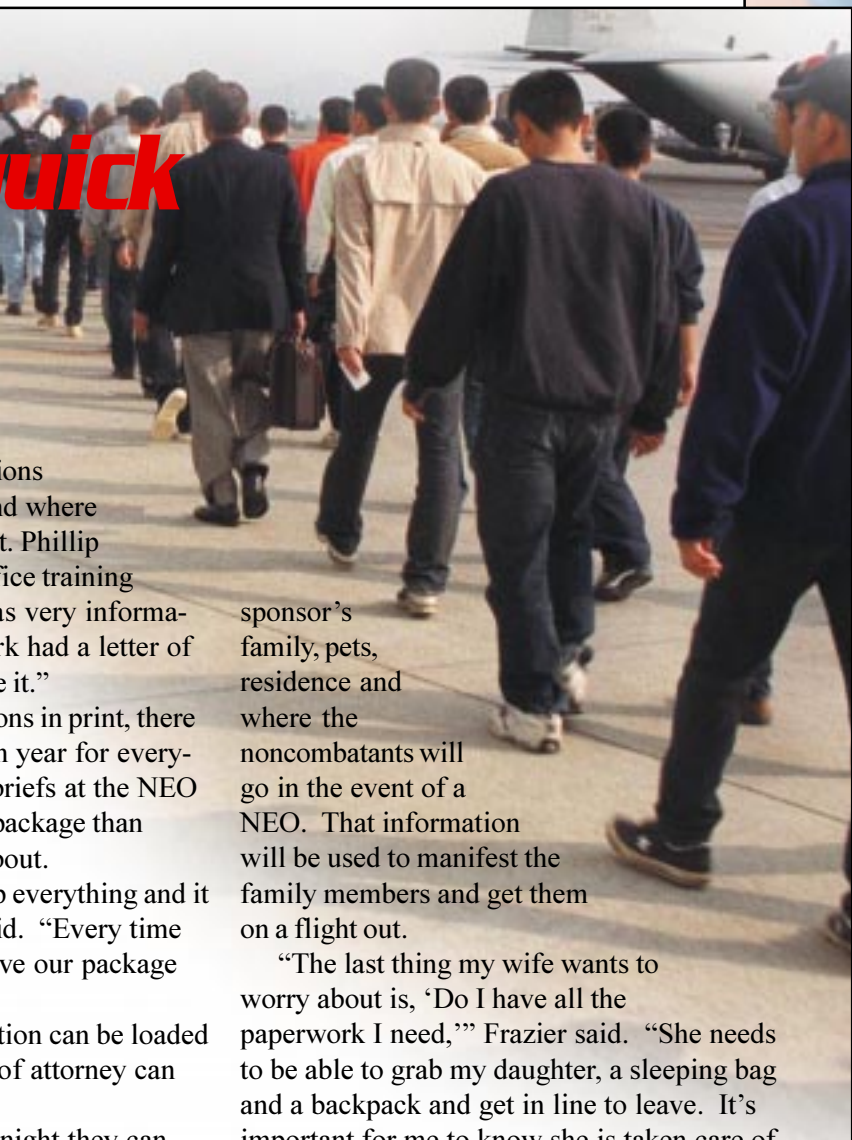
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CSSD-36	- Staff Sgt. Lozano 253-3730
MWSS-171	- 2nd Lt. Rathod 253-4598
MALS-12	- Gunnery Sgt. Brunt 253-6038
H&HS	- Gunnery Sgt. Cole 253-3598
Dental	- DT1 Barfield 253-4825
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# NEO?



From the Staff Judge Advocate's Office help noncombatants fill out wills and powers of attorney at the Headquarters and Masters Squadron NEO night Oct. 2.



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sponsor's family, pets, residence and where the noncombatants will go in the event of a NEO. That information will be used to manifest the family members and get them on a flight out.

"The last thing my wife wants to worry about is, 'Do I have all the paperwork I need,'" Frazier said. "She needs to be able to grab my daughter, a sleeping bag and a backpack and get in line to leave. It's important for me to know she is taken care of and they will be evacuated."

For more information on getting a NEO package, filling out forms or the next scheduled NEO night, contact your unit coordinator.

"I can't express how important this is," Frazier said. "It's just being prepared for the worst-case scenario. It's as important as a will and anyone who doesn't fill out a NEO package is foolish. It really affects their family."



photos by Cpl. Kurt Fredrickson

A noncombatant fills out paperwork to be manifested on a flight from Iwakuni during the NEO portion of Exercise Keen Sword in November 2000.



# Muslim Chaplain visits Iwakuni

by Cpl. Joe Lindsay  
Torii Teller Staff

Arabic greetings of "Assalamu Alaikum," (peace be upon you) echoed through the hallways of the Marine Memorial Center, as they do every Friday at noon before Muslim worship services begin.

This past Friday was no exception, save for the fact that a special visitor was in the midst of the Station's five-member-strong Muslim community.

Navy Lt. Hussain Shaikh,

Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron Chaplain from Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, made a visit to offer spiritual guidance and support to Iwakuni service members of Islamic faith.

But Shaikh said he also had another mission in mind, to educate non-Muslims about the Islamic faith.

"Islam is a religion of peace," said Shaikh. "From Islam's perspective, the heinous crimes of terrorism which have been committed are un-Islamic. The Koran (Qur'an) says that a Muslim stays in the fold of Islam unless he kills someone unjustly. Muslims are not allowed to kill women, children and old people, and must fight only those who are fighting them."

According to Shaikh, there are many parallels between Islam and Christianity.

"Judaism, Christianity and Islam are not three distinct religions," said Shaikh. "Islam is the same religion that was taught by Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Muhammad. The message was started in the Torah and the Bible and was finalized in the completion of the Koran. Islam, just like

Members of Iwakuni's Muslim community gather together in prayer. (Left to right) Corporal Nauman Chaudary, Seaman Brian Leggin, Cpl. Ahmed Saadeddin, Sgt. A.J. Salim and Lance Cpl. Atef Moustafa.

Christianity and Judaism, teaches compassion, love, peace and submission to the will of the Creator."

Members of the Iwakuni Muslim community said they were thankful for Shaikh's visit.

"His coming here was very important for us," said Cpl. Nauman Chaudary, a Karachi, Pakistan native and H&HS Motor Transportation refueler. "We prayed for everyone in the world and for a good future. Islam is a religion of peace, and his coming here will hopefully show people that the wrong impression of Islam has been portrayed by the recent events."

"Just like you can't blame Christians for Timothy McVeigh, you can't blame Muslims for the World Trade Center," said Seaman Brian Leggin, dental technician and recent convert to Islam. "A terrorist is a terrorist no matter what religion they claim."

According to Leggin, being a Muslim in Iwakuni can sometimes lead to a sense of isolation.

"There are only five of us here that I know of," said Leggin. "Sometimes at the chow hall

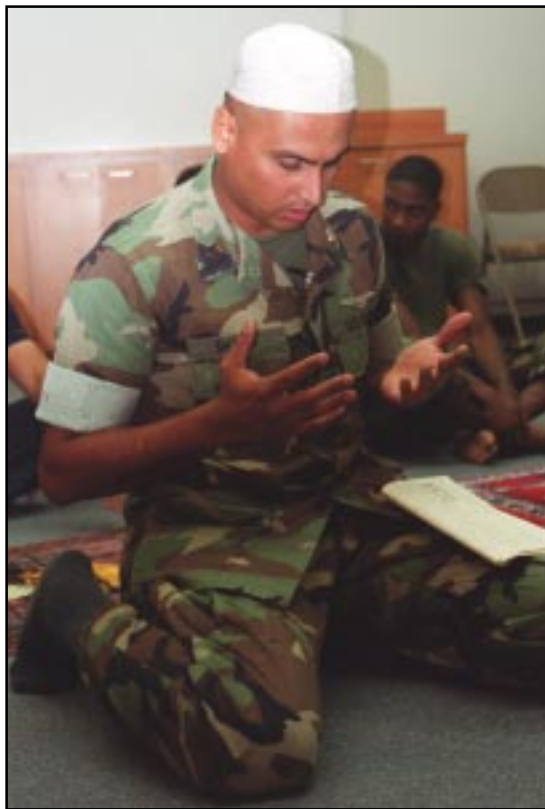
they'll accidentally put ham on my plate (Muslims are forbidden to eat pork) and I won't touch any of the food. But you've just got to take stuff like that in stride. All in all the base has been very accepting and supportive of our faith."

Shaikh says religious acceptance has been his experience across the board in the military.

"The United States military is a strong supporter of religious freedom," said Shaikh. "I have never had any problems being a Muslim in the Navy. We have been very well accepted, which is what America is all about. I like to call it strength through diversity."

And when that strength is put to the test, the Muslims of Iwakuni all said they'd have no problem defending freedom.

"This should be a non-issue," said Sgt. A.J. Salim, Iwakuni Muslim lay leader and Marine Wing Support Squadron environmental coordinator. "Nobody thought that fighting the Nazis in World War II was akin to fighting fellow Christians. It's the same with the terrorists. They're just a group of people who are pretending to be Muslims."



photos by Cpl. Joe Lindsay

Navy Lt. Hussain Shaikh, H&HS Chaplain, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, Okinawa, prays with Iwakuni Muslims.

## Out the gate

**Note:** Japanese who do not speak English may answer the phone numbers provided.

### Art Fiesta Iwakuni

The Art Fiesta Iwakuni will be held Saturday and Sunday, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. near the Kintai Bridge area. Streets in the area will be decorated with Japanese traditional arts, and performers will perform traditional Japanese dances and songs. For more information call 29-5211.

### Iwakuni Festival

The Iwakuni Festival will be held Oct. 21, 10

a.m.-5 p.m. at Route 188 near the Iwakuni Train Station. There will be a children's sumo tournament Oct. 20, 1-5:30 p.m. and a Japanese traditional arts performance, including singing and dancing, Oct. 20 from 4:30-8:30 at Iwakuni Citizens Hall. Call 29-5110 or 21-4201.

### Chrysanthemum Festival

The Chrysanthemum Festival, a shinto fall festival, will be held Monday from 5-9 p.m. at the Itsukushima Shrine on Miyajima. After a shinto ceremony, Japanese traditional music will be performed beginning at 6 p.m. Call 0829-44-2020.

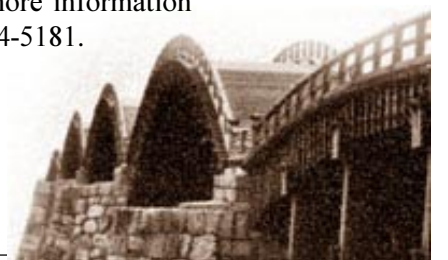
### Otake Festival

The Otake Festival will be held Oct. 21 from

1:30-4 p.m. Otake citizens will parade a traditional float during the festival. For more information call 08275-2-3105.

### Nishihara 12 Gods Kagura Festival

Kagura, traditional Japanese song and dance, will be dedicated to the god of Fuyuki Shrine in Gion Town, Hiroshima City on Oct. 20 from 7:30-11 p.m. during Nishihara 12 Gods Kagura Festival. For more information call 082-874-5181.





# Classified Ads

## Vehicles for sale

—1993 Toyota Vista, 4-door, 5-speed, A/C, power locks, power windows, dark blue, low mileage (66,500 km), JCI until December 2002. \$2,200. Call Judy Gergick at 253-2777 awb.

—1986 Toyota 4Runner, 2-door, AM/FM, roll bar, extra set of rims, sunroof, removable hard cover, canvas cover included, JCI till June 2002, \$1,800. Call Gunnery Sgt. Boardway at 253-3020 dwh or 253-2342 awb.

—1988 Toyota LiteAce van, JCI until Feb. 2002. \$1000 obo. Call Sgt. Jimmy Tumlinson at 253-5366 dwh or 253-2822 awb.

## Other items for sale

—Electric heater, \$25; books for \$5 each: 'Exploring Singapore and Malaysia,' 'Lonely Planet Japan guide-book,' 'Japan; The Rough Guide,' 'Japan Solo,' 'Barron's Master the Basics - Japanese,' 'Talk a Lot - Communication Activities for Speaking Fluency.' Call Judy Gergick at 253-2777 awb.

—Rosewood small Japanese vanity with mirror, dark color, \$380; Audiovox Portable DVD player, like new, \$425. Call William Clark at 253-6476 dwh or 253-2776 awb.

—Whirlpool dryer, heavy duty, large capacity supreme, six-cycle infinite temp, approximately 3 years old, almond color, \$150. Call Tanya at 253-2485.

—Camping tent, Sears, 8'x10' tent, sleeps four adults, hardly used, \$90; Hammock, adult-size, hand woven macrame with metal frame and hanging brackets, easy to set up, \$90; Little Tykes castle, used indoors only, \$140. Call Linda Kostelny at 253-3278 dwh or 090-8608-3799.

—Bedroom set, queen size, head board, frame, mattress with box spring, dresser with mirror, nightstand, armoire, \$400; 13" TV with remote, \$30. Call Sgt. Jimmy Tumlinson at 253-5366 dwh or 253-2822 awb.

## Lost

—Lady's gold Seiko watch with day/date feature. Lost between Kintai Inn and Matthew C. Perry Elementary School Sept. 24. Sentimental value. Reward offered. Call Margaret Flavan at 253-3327 dwh or 21-7995 awb.

## M.C. Perry Events

—The Matthew C. Perry Schools Choir and Advanced Band will have their Fall Concert on Thursday, 7 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

—Dr. George Dixon, college board representative, will be at M.C. Perry High School on Wednesday from 5-6:30 p.m. He will be meeting with parents who wish to learn more about college admissions programs and policies. Parents of college-bound students are asked to attend.

—The Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test will be held at M.C. Perry High School on Tuesday from 7:30-11:30 a.m. All grade 10 students and other students who have registered must report to the Education Center by 7:30 a.m. Students are reminded to bring #2 pencils, a graphing or four function calculator, and their ID card to the test.

—The SAT 1 and 2 examinations will be given at M.C. Perry on Saturday. All students who are registered must

report to the front office by 7:30 a.m.  
Call 253-5448.

## Job openings

—Matthew C. Perry Schools is looking for LPN/RNs to substitute. Must currently hold a LPN or RN license. Pick up an application at M.C. Perry High School. Call 253-4673.

## MCCS job openings

### Contract positions:

—Licensed and experienced barbers wanted for contract employment Sundays only. Call 253-4143.

—The Marine New Parent Support Program seeks a home visitor in Iwakuni. Call 253-6553.

### The following jobs are open at MCCS Personnel (253-3030):

—Semper Fit Director, Semper Fit, NF-04, Regular Full Time

—Retail Store Manager, Main Complex, NF-04, Regular Full Time

—Materials Handler, Warehouse, NA-05, Regular Full Time

—Procurement Clerk, Merchandising, NF-01, Regular Full Time

—Sales Associate/Cashier, Main Complex, NF-01, Regular Full Time

—Program Assistant, CDC, CC-I, Regular Full Time (In-House Only)

—Recreation Assistant, Youth Center, NF-02, Regular Full Time

—Recreation Attendant, Youth Center, NF-01, Regular Part Time

—Customer Service Clerk, Main Complex, NF-01, Regular Full Time

—Barber, Barber Shop, NA-07, Regular Part Time

—Customer Service Clerk, NF-01, Regular Full Time (In-House Only)

—Cook, Club Iwakuni, NA-04, Regular Full Time

—Food Service Worker Leader, Burger King, NL-02, Regular Full Time

## CHRO job openings

—Administrative Officer, MCCS, GS-0341-09, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Transition Program Counselor, MCCS, GS-0101-09, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Training and Curriculum Specialist, MCCS, GS-1701-09, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Contract Specialist, Facilities, GS-1102-11, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Supervisory Interdisciplinary Engineer, Facilities, GS-808/810/830/850-13, Resumix vacancy announcement.

—Fire Chief, Air Harbor Operations Department, GS-081-13, Resumix vacancy announcement.

(For additional information and appropriate forms call CHRO, Building 360, Room 32, at 253-6828.)

## To submit your ads or announcement ...

Torii Teller accepts ads/announcement for nonprofit organizations and groups only. Briefs run on space-available and time-priority basis. Deadline for briefs is noon Thursday. Torii Teller reserves the right to edit to fit space. To submit, stop by Building 360, Room 7 to fill out a form.

## Weekend's Weather

**Today Saturday Sunday Monday**



## Tide Table

	Low tide		High tide	
	Time	Size	Time	Size
Oct. 12	11:30 a.m.	103	4:49 a.m.	248
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Oct. 13	12:52 a.m.	150	6:29 a.m.	275
	12:50 p.m.	79	7:25 p.m.	346
Oct. 14	1:41 a.m.	114	7:32 a.m.	312
	1:48 p.m.	55	8:10 p.m.	365
Oct. 15	2:23 a.m.	80	8:23 a.m.	346
	2:36 p.m.	38	8:51 p.m.	377
Oct. 16	3:04 a.m.	50	9:10 a.m.	372
	3:21 p.m.	33	9:30 p.m.	381
Oct. 17	3:40 a.m.	29	9:50 a.m.	387
	3:59 p.m.	40	10:04 p.m.	377
Oct. 18	4:16 a.m.	16	10:31 a.m.	390
	4:38 p.m.	58	10:37 p.m.	367



## Movie Schedule

### Friday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Footloose (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Mafia (PG-13)  
11 p.m. Get Carter (R)

### Saturday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Simon Birch (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Never Been Kissed (PG-13)  
11 p.m. Prince Of Tides (R)

### Sunday

10 a.m./7 p.m. I'll Be Home For Christmas (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Police Academy 2 (PG-13)  
11 p.m. The Faculty (R)

### Monday

10 a.m./7 p.m. The Great Santini (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Superstar (PG-13)  
11 p.m. The Burning Bed (R)

### Tuesday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Steel Magnolias (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. The Other Sister (PG-13)  
11 p.m. Deuce Bigalow (R)

### Wednesday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Prince Of Egypt (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Honeymoon In Vegas (PG-13)  
11 p.m. Every Time We Say Goodbye (R)

### Thursday

10 a.m./7 p.m. Papillon (PG)  
1 p.m./9 p.m. Miss Congeniality (PG-13)  
11 p.m. Wild Things (R)

## Sakura Theater

### Friday

7 p.m. The Princess Diaries  
10 p.m. American Pie 2

### Saturday

4 p.m. The Princess Diaries  
7 p.m. American Pie 2  
10 p.m. Original Sin

### Sunday

4 p.m. The Princess Diaries  
7 p.m. Original Sin

### Monday

7 p.m. American Pie 2

### Tuesday

7 p.m. The Princess Diaries

### Wednesday

7 p.m. Original Sin

### Thursday

Closed

## The Princess Diaries (G)

Rated G. (110 minutes)

Fifteen-year-old Mia discovers that her father is the Prince of Genovia and she is the sole heir to the throne. She must decide, by her sixteenth birthday, whether she will live as a princess and move to Genovia or remain in Manhattan where she lives with her artist mom. She must suffer through the indignity of princess lessons at the hands of her stern grandmother.

## American Pie 2 (R)

Rated R for strong sexual content, crude humor, language and drinking. (115 minutes)

In this J.B. Rogers-directed sequel to Paul Weitz's 1999 teen comedy *American Pie*, the barely post-adolescent group of horny kids from the first film reunite one year later for summer vacation after completing their first year of college.

## Original Sin (R)

Rated R for strong sexual content and some violence. (116 minutes)

A noir mystery set in the exotic world of Cuba in the late 1800s. Luis Antonio Vargas, a wealthy coffee merchant, arranges a marriage through the mail but discovers that the woman who arrives to share his house is an imposter with an eye on his fortune. When he arrives at the docks to meet Julia Russell, he is amazed to find that she is not the simple woman he was expecting. Though happier than he ever imagined, the surprises continue until the story takes a fateful turn.

The movie lineup was correct at press time. Call the Sakura Theater at 253-5291 for recorded updates.

## Iwakuni's Theaters

### Kokusai:

Oct. 12 - mid November

"Tomb Raider" - 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m., (Sat. only) 9 p.m., 11 p.m.

### New Central I:

Oct. 12-19

"Rush Hour 2" - 1:05 p.m., 3 p.m., 4:55 p.m., 6:40 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:25 p.m., 10:10 p.m.

Oct. 13 only

"The Fast and the Furious" - 8:50 p.m., 10:50 p.m.

### New Central II:

Oct. 12-19

"Final Fantasy" - 11:25 p.m.  
(9:20 a.m. show is available only on Sunday, Japanese holidays, second/fourth Saturday)

### New Central III:

Oct. 12-19

"Bridget Jones Diary" - 10 a.m., 2:10 p.m., 6:20 p.m., (Sat. only) 10:30 p.m.  
"Captain Corellis Mondolin" - 11:50 a.m., 4 p.m., (Sat. only) 8:10 p.m.



## Education



### Test Schedule

#### Tuesdays/

- Fridays** - College Level Examination Program  
- DANTES Subject Standardized Test

(Registration opens at 7:45 a.m. and 9:45 a.m. each day.)

- Oct. 17** - ACT Examination  
**Oct. 18** - Scholastic Assessment Test  
**Oct. 22** - Electronic Data Processing Test  
**Oct. 24** - Defense Language Aptitude Battery  
- Defense Language Proficiency Test  
**Oct. 25** - Armed Forces Classification Test

Testing is free for service members. Civilians pay: CLEP \$56, DSST \$35, ACT \$38, GED \$63, SAT \$40. Tests must be paid by money order. Call 253-3855.

## Community



### Alcoholics Anonymous

There are currently four Alcoholics Anonymous meetings being held in Building 1104, Room 103. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. All meetings are open and are held every Sunday at 7:00 p.m., discussion or book study groups are Fridays at 7:30 p.m., with speaker or discussion meetings on alternating weeks. Discussion meetings are held Tuesday and Thursday at noon. Call 253-5036. Inquiries are strictly confidential.

### Medical Clinic Health Promotions

Tobacco Cessation Courses will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Branch Medical Clinic on Wednesday, Oct. 19, 24, and 26. People must attend all four sessions. Cholesterol, nutrition and hypertension counseling will also be offered on an individual basis by calling 253-3266.

### Off-Base Trash Disposal Class

The Family Housing Welcome Center holds off-base trash disposal classes for off-base residents every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Learn the easy and proper way to dispose of trash off-base. For more information call 253-5541.

### Tuition Assistance

The Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society is offering tuition assistance for Term II at the University of Maryland and Central Texas College to spouses of Navy and Marine Corps service members. Applications are accepted until Oct. 19. Grants for both undergraduate and graduate studies are available. Tuition aid is granted one term at a time. Applications must be completed by Oct. 19. Stop by in Building 1100, Room 148 to pick up your packet. Call 253-5311.

### Civilian Human Resources Office

### Local Employment Orientation

Civilian Human Resources Office provides the monthly briefing for Iwakuni local job seekers on

Wednesday from 9-10 a.m. at Community Services Building 411, Room 216 and 217. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

### Resumix Training

A new application process started at Iwakuni on March 1. The Resumix is used by the Navy to fill merit promotion civilian job vacancies for GS-15 and below, and Wage Grade positions. The CHRO will provide information on Resumix on Wednesday from 10:30-11:30 a.m. at Community Services Building, Room 216 and 217. Advanced sign-up is required by calling 253-6828.

### Marine Corps Community Services

#### Workshops

- ☑ **Anger Management**, Tuesday, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Learn about your personality type and strategies for controlling anger. Call 253-3737.  
☑ **Holiday Finances**, Wednesday, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Survive the holidays financially by budgeting your money and eliminating the stress of overspending. Call 253-6352.  
☑ **Teamwork Building**, Oct. 23, 11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Learn how to bring your work team together and be heard at work through effective communication. Call 253-3737.

#### Youth and Teen Events

- ☑ **SMART Girls** Dating and avoiding violence, Oct. 21, 5 p.m. at the Teen Center.  
☑ **Oshima Island cultural exchange program** registration opens Monday for the Nov. 17-18 exchange. Fifteen American and Japanese youth age 6-12 may participate.

Call 253-4769 for youth events, 253-6454 for teen events.

### LINKS in Japanese

Japanese-speaking spouses of active duty military members are welcome at this LINKS in Japanese session, Saturday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call 253-3754.

### Oktoberfest

Oktoberfest is scheduled for Saturday, 6 p.m., in the MAC Dome. A live oompah band will play, and food and beverages will be sold. Call 253-6184.

### TAMP/TAP

Military personnel are required to attend this briefing, held Oct. 23-26, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., 180 days before discharge. Spouses are invited. Contact your career planner for details.

### Veteran's Benefits Briefing

Learn what benefits are available to military veterans at this briefing, Oct. 23, 9:30-11:30 a.m. in the Community Services Building, Room 217. Active duty, retired, and separated service members and their family members are welcome.

### Key Volunteer Training

Marine Corps Family Team Building will hold Key Volunteer Basic Training Oct. 24, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Yujo Hall, Room 105. Graduation will follow the next morning at 11:30 a.m. in Club Iwakuni. Call 253-3754.

### Reserve Briefing

Separating Marines interested in joining the Marine Corps Reserve are welcome at this briefing, held Oct. 24, 10-11:30 a.m. For more information call 253-6439.

### Domestic Violence Awareness

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Events scheduled include:

- ☑ **Women's Health and Safety Seminar**, Tuesday, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in the Club Iwakuni ballroom. Includes a discussion of violence against women followed by a two-hour self defense class. This is designated an alternate place of work; ask your supervisor. The CDC offers limited childcare for participants. Those interested in childcare need to call 253-5431 for reservations.  
☑ **5K Family Walk-Run**, Oct. 19, 3:30 p.m. Registration opens at 3 p.m. on the seawall behind the Main Gym. Participants are asked to donate \$1 which will be turned over to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society.  
☑ **A performance**, Oct. 26, 7 p.m., at the Sakura Theater based on the play "Boys Will Be Boys" by Michael Glassbourg. Entrance is free; doors open at 6 p.m. Call 253-4526.

### Family Day Brief

New families are welcome at this brief, held Thursday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in the Marine Memorial Center. Call 253-3131.

### Club Beyond

Club Beyond is a ministry geared to teenagers which has been reaching out to military teens for 20 years at over 40 installations. For more information, contact Scott Elkins, Station teen pastor, at 253-4549, or visit [www.mcym.org](http://www.mcym.org).

## Chapel Services



### Chapel Services

#### Roman Catholic

<b>Weekdays</b>	5:00 p.m.	Mass
<b>Saturday</b>	5:30 p.m.	Mass
<b>Sunday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Mass

#### Protestant

<b>Saturday</b>	9:30 a.m.	Seventh Day Adventist
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 a.m.	Traditional
	10:00 a.m.	Church of Christ
	11:00 a.m.	Contemporary
	Noon	United Pentecostal

#### Latter Day Saints

<b>Sunday</b>	12:30 p.m.	Sacramental Meeting
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#### Muslim

<b>Friday</b>	Noon	Prayer
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#### Jewish

<b>Friday</b>	6:00 p.m.	Shabat
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For information regarding divine services, religious education or any other Command Religious Program/Chapel activity call the Station Chapel at 253-5218.



## Sports Briefs

### All-Marine Triathlon

Marines who wish to compete on the 2002 All-Marine Ironman Hawaii Triathlon team must have an application turned in by Feb. 28, 2002. Marines must submit a resume, including a command endorsement, through Marine Corps Community Services Semper Fit Athletics. For more information, visit [www.ironmanlive.com](http://www.ironmanlive.com) on the Internet or call 253-5654.

### Golf Events

☑ Fil-Am Community Golf Tournament, Saturday, 7 a.m. Low Net, Double Peoria Handicap. Entry fee is \$15.

☑ Hours change beginning today. New hours are: Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; weekends and holidays 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Driving range opens nightly 6:30 and closes at midnight. Locker rooms open from 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Call 253-3402.

### Flag Football Tournament

The Fall Classic Flag Football tournament will be held at the Main Parade Deck Oct. 19 at 2 p.m. Marine Aircraft Group 12 and Headquarters and Headquarters Squadron will face-off in this annual tournament for Station-wide bragging rights. Free food and soft drinks will be available. For more information call 253-5777.

### Softball Tournament

There will be a Drug and Alcohol Slip n' Slide One Pitch Softball Tournament on Oct. 20-21. The tournament is double-elimination and will be held regardless of weather. Participation is limited to the first 12 teams. Teams will consist of no more than 16 people, including the coach. The entry fee will be any dish or nonalcoholic beverage that can serve 10 or more people. For more information call 253-5777.

### All-Marine Boxing Trials

The All-Marine Boxing trials will be held Nov. 25-29 at Marine Corps Base Camp Lejeune, N.C. Marines interested must submit resumes including past boxing experience, number of bouts, results in the past two years and a command endorsement. Resumes must be submitted through Semper Fit Athletics. For more information call 253-5777.

### Courts Closure

The Main Gym basketball courts will be closed indefinitely for renovations. For more information call 253-5777.

### Ballet Classes

Intermediate Ballet is offered Wednesdays 4-6 p.m. and Adult Beginner Ballet is offered Fridays 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the aerobics room at the Main Gym. The fee is \$30 per student per month. Call 253-6359.

# Logistics Wins softball championship

by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers  
Torii Teller Staff

Logistics beat the Rooftop Warriors 21-10 by shutting them out in the

final innings at the Main Field to become the second-season champions in intramural softball.

The team came to the game dedicated, with a winning strategy in mind.

"Our best strategy was coming here, keeping our mouths shut and playing softball," said Cortez Hall, Logistics head coach. "A lot of times when you come to play, you talk the talk but you don't walk the walk. And you end up losing the game."

Heading into the game, Logistics was optimistic.

"We knew we could win this," said Hall. "With the players that we have here, we had the best opportunity we've ever had. It was our game to lose."

But getting there for Logistics wasn't easy.

"It was a hard season," said Gowkaran Roopnarine, Logistics team member. "We made it. Without



photo by Cpl. Trent Rundell

**Gowkaran Roopnarine, Logistics center fielder, holds up the trophy after his team captured the second-season softball championship at the Main Field.**

team work and team spirit, and outstanding Marines and Sailors, we couldn't win this."

Hall credited Charles Phelps, assistant coach, for his insight and leadership throughout the season.

"He carried the team while I was gone on temporary additional duty," Hall said. "He deserves credit for keeping the team together."

Rooftop admits that their strategy going into the

game was the wrong one.

"We tried to move players around, to try and anticipate what their strategy was," said Tony Forbes, Roof Top short-stop. "It was a big mistake. You should stick with what works. We tried to fix something that wasn't broken."

But that doesn't take anything away from Logistics' victory.

"They deserved every bit of it," said Forbes.

"They're a good team, and they played fundamental softball."

Logistics is optimistic about repeating the victory next season.

"We'll have a lot of returning players next season," said Hall. "But you can't go by just what you did this season. We'll come back with the same attitude, a little more experience, and we'll be ready to play softball again."



photo by Lance Cpl. Colin Wyers  
**Nick Alcantara, Logistics designated hitter, rounds third during the intramural championship.**



# Samurai open season with loss

by Cpl. Trent Rundell  
Torii Teller Staff

In the season home-opener, the rebuilding Matthew C. Perry High

School Samurai lost to the number-one ranked Yokota Panthers 82-0 in high school football action at the Northside football field.

"They played fairly well, considering they only have three

returning players and were facing a team that was so big and experienced, and the defending Japan Football League champions," said Hank Groomes, Samurai head coach.

The team gave it their all, but there was an intimidation factor going into the game that the team couldn't overcome, noted Groomes.

"We didn't really have a set game plan going into the game," said Groomes. "We went into the game looking to see what we could get started. We had a balanced attack between running and throwing the football. At halftime we didn't make any major adjustments, just trying to get some protection for the quarterback."

The coaches all got a great look at kids in their new positions, noted Groomes.

"We are looking to step-up the intensity in practice and make some changes as far as the way we do things," said Groomes. "Before the game the team did not even play a scrimmage."

The Samurai usually have a

scrimmage against two teams from Hiroshima, but due to the recent force protection measures, the two teams cancelled the scrimmage.

Last season the Samurai were ranked number three in the JFL. This year, after losing almost an entire team to permanent change of station moves and graduation, the Samurai look to rebuild with six freshmen, six sophomores, eight juniors and one senior.

"The last game proved that we have a lot of work to do," said Groomes. "The next game should be better."

Bright spots for the Samurai included junior running back Brandon Ferrell, who had 68 all-purpose yards, and sophomore running back Damian Bryant with 56 all-purpose yards. Junior quarterback Chris Riegel had three completions for a tough 42 yards in the second half, with sophomore wide receiver Rob Grace snatching two receptions for 35 yards.

The Samurai's next game is 1 p.m. Saturday against the Misawa Edgren at the Northside football field.



**LEFT:** Matthew C. Perry High School Samurai starting quarterback Chris Riegel scrambles out of the pocket, trying to escape Yokota Panther defensive back Rae Canlas.



photos by Lance Cpl. Chris Tirado

The Samurai and Panthers face off at the line of scrimmage before the ball is snapped into play at the Northside Field Sept. 29.